

KC DX NEWS

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NEXT KCDXC MEETING: Sept. 30-

The July meeting will be held on Monday, Sept. 30th, at 6:00 p.m. at our regular location, the Central Resource Library 9875 W 87th Street in Overland Park KS. The program will be a live presentation by Bob Heil, on "Understanding Speech Articulation". Something never talked about but so important for both transmit and receive systems."

It will be followed by the famous Pie Eating Contest after the KCDXC meeting.

ANNUAL KCDXC CARP TOURNAMENT CANCELED!

The annual KCDXC Carp Tournament has been canceled, according to Head Judges, N0CWR and NX0I. The high water of the Kaw River is still covering the sandbar under the K-7 bridge in Bonner Springs where we traditionally hold our festivities. Even though this is a devastating news, the event will have to be canceled until 2020.

CROWNE PLAZA ROOMS FOR DAYTON 2020!!

The KCDXC contract with Crowne Plaza has been completed for 2020! W0ZAP will be accepting your reservations for Hamvention 2020. The cost for rooms for 2020 will remain the same as in the past at \$149 for a standard block of three nights over Hamvention weekend starting on Thursday, May 16, with check out on Sunday morning, May 19. Double rooms are available for club members with roommates or singles for one bed rooms. Contact W0ZAP, Rick, at w0zap@arrl.net to make your room reservation for Hamvention 2020. As in the past we must prepay the first night's stay prior to the end of March 2020.

DXCC CARD CHECKING AT KCDXC MEETING

ACOA and AB0X are available for DXCC & WAS card checking services at most KCDXC meetings. Please remember to load your cards into the DXCC system on the ARRL web page prior to the meeting and print out the forms for checking. The cost is less and checking is easier for the checkers. Remember to bring Stamped and addressed envelopes with the forms for the checkers. Contact the checkers if you have large quantities of cards to be checked prior to the meeting: freeland66215@sbcglobal.net or ab0x@kc.rr.com.

KCDXC DXCC HONOR ROLL

Call	Mixed	CW	Phone	DIGI	IOTA	160	6 M DXCC	DX Challenge
K0CS	357	320	352			233	85	2377
AB0X	357	353	349	230		223	23	2356
W0GJ	354	344	354	292		236	20	2799
W0JLC	353	351	331			102		
N0RB	352	346	350				23	1806
K0CA	350	349	348	329	318	110		2627
NX0I	350	349	347	244		208	4	2502
N0CWR	349	348	349	312	860	179	35	2816
K0HQW	349	333	347			33		1352
K3PA	350	348	345	319		170	36	2703
KS0DX	347	318	348	129	360			2218
K4SV	346	340	344	337		301	87	2852
AC0A	348	318	348		838		15	2223
K0VXU	348	335	331	265	439	143	2	2295
K0GY	344	340	344	290			5	2312
KB0X	336							
K0AP	333	331	325	295		47	5	2353
W0QQ	333	218	331	166	151	42		1584
K0THN	329	314	284		179	1		1849
KE5BR	330	177	297	79				742
WA0WOF	330							
K4SX	331	277	314	146		52		1617
W0MB	325	229	324	251				1165
W0FS	322	270	295	230	657	181		1770
AA0MZ	312	290	292	220	532	44	20	1852
K0XM	305	248	221	20	26	87		936
AC0C	302	292	233	220		87	2	1822
KG0UA	283	277	116			4		
NS0D	263	219	142	130		3	2	833
W0XE	248	216	193	14				888
W0DR	225	188	174	5		5	7	
N9GB	203							
KS0AA	172	75	84	154		3		507
KY0F	140	2	140				1	
AA0LV	112							
W0ZAP	103	31	72	54		1	3	218
KR0CK	63	17	56			1	1	102

Red indicates member is at the top of the DXCC Honor Roll in that respective class. Total are with deletions.
 NOTE: When changes of DXCC totals are sent in to me, they are immediately updated in the next month here in the newsletter. Send to ab0x@kc.rr.com . Please only one update a month.



August 26, 2019

Kansas City DX Club Meeting Minutes

Learning Lab, Central Resource Library, Overland Park, KS

The July, 2019 meeting of the Kansas City DX Club was called to order by President Russ Woirhaye, K0VXU at 6:00 pm CDT (August 26, 2019 2300 UTC).

Agenda -

- Greeting and Introduction of Guests
- DXing and Contesting
- VP8ORK South Orkney Video by Bob Allphin K4UEE and James Brooks 9V1YC
- Closing Informal Pie Eating and Tall-Tale Telling @ Dennys at 105th and Metcalf (Perkins has closed)

Introductions -

We introduced ourselves. Dave Rousseau, K0AVN, and Vivien Johnson, KL7YL (XYL of Glenn Johnson, W0GJ, who also was present).

Russ, K0VXU discussed his recent discussion with Bill, K0VBU, about their first QSO 60 years ago and also commented on other close ham friends who are now SK.

DXing and Contesting

DXing for September

Based on NG3K website: <http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxo.html>

FK8CI New Caledonia, 9U3TUM Burundi, EX0QP (some confusion whether it is EX0 or EX6 but I think EX0 is correct per their website - K0THN) Kyrgyzstan, T88PB Palau, K7TRI Tillamook Rock, OR, IOTA NA211 (rare), 9G5QU Ghana, 6070 Somalia, C21W Nauru, A35JT Tonga, A82X Liberia

Contesting for September

Based on WA7BNM website: <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/>

QSO Parties TN, NE, TX, AL, IA, NH, NJ, ME

WA Salmon Run

All Asian DX, SSB

RSGB FT4

VP8ORK South Orkney Video by Bob Allphin, K4UEE and James Brooks, 9V1YC

Narrated by K4UEE, produced by 9V1YC. DXpedition took place in 2011. The expeditioners were transported by the Braveheart, and experienced difficult climbs from the water to the radio site. For us the video featured a CW contact with club member Dragan, K0AP.

Announcements

Upcoming meetings:

- September 30 Bob Heil - Heil Sound
- October 28 - Gary Auchard W0MNA and Charlie Hett K0THN will talk about Parasets (WWII clandestine radio replicas) and other projects.
- November 25 Election of Officers -Be ready if you wish to have an office. Surely we will have something else as well.
- December 14 Christmas Party to be held at RC's restaurant in Martin City as last year.

Glenn, W0GJ reported that the Braveheart had August 23, for Pitcairn Island with the upcoming DXpedition, VP6R, there. They expect October 18 to November 1. Their website is <https://pitcairndx.com/>. If you want to update your DX status on the web contact Don, W0XE or Mike, AB0X.

If you need a ride or you know of someone who needs a ride to our meetings let Russ,



left New Zealand Friday, equipment for their to be operating from <https://pitcairndx.com/>. site or in the newsletter

KØVXU know. We would like to make sure everyone who wishes to attend can do so.
The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:15pm.
Charles Hett, KØTHN KCDX Club Secretary

Sent over by NØCWR:

Girl: Our relationship is over
Me: Our relationship is what? Over.



DX NEWS & VIEWS

BY ABØX

The KCDXC received the message below this past month from the VP8 Perseverance DX Group:

“To: KC DX Club

Beginning in April, 2014 the Perseverance DX Group (PDXG) has activated three top 25 DXCC entities, including the highly successful VP6D Ducie Island project. We are now six months from activating #16 most wanted, South Orkney Islands, as VP8/VP8DXU. The last major DX-pedition was in 2011 as VP8ORK. It’s not unreasonable to expect another major DX-pedition will not activate South Orkney again for a long time.

We finalized the project schedule with Nigel Jolly, owner of Braveheart. The ship left New Zealand on August 20th to meet other contractual obligations in the Pacific and Atlantic oceans between August, 2019 - April, 2020, including the VP6R DX-pedition and our DX-pedition. Without these other contracts these DX-peditions would be unaffordable.

We purchased extreme weather shelters and spent three days preparing them for shipment to Punta Arenas, Chile. Team members are buying cold weather clothing for this project, especially those who live in a warm weather climate. The cost of these incremental items, travel/hotel/clothing are not project expenses, each team member pays for these out-of-pocket, at a cost of \$4,000 - \$5,000, plus \$20,000 to join the team.

Our planning budget is \$310,000 - \$325,000 with the team members prepared to pay 50% of the total cost. We are seeking support from DX clubs, foundations and individuals to cover the remaining 50%. At this writing we're at 48% of our donation target of \$155,000(USD).

Thirty-eight organizations have committed to our project, with The Northern California DX Foundation, German DX Foundation and Japan's Far East DX-ploiters Foundation being our major financial sponsors.

Equipment manufacturers and distributors: Elecraft, DX Engineering, WIMO, Spiderbeam, Rig Expert, RadioSport, Low Band Systems, Mastrant, and Clamcleat are loaning, discounting or donating equipment valued at over \$75,000.

Enclosed is additional information about the project. We are looking forward to hearing from you and appreciate any assistance your organization may provide.

73,

Team VP8/VP8DXU

Glenn Petri KE4KY

NA & Chief Pilot - South Orkney Islands 2020 DX-pedition"

At Press time the **T30L & C21WW DXpedition** is perking along working many deserving DXers around the world. This operation received a donation from the KCDXC and show us as a sponsor on their web page. Take a look at the photos below:

T30L





OTHER DX NEWS:

5B, CYPRUS. Kasimir, DL2SBY, will be active as 5B/SL2SBY from Ayia Napa between October 3-13rd. Activity will be on 80-6 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via DL2SBY, direct or the OQRS (Bureau/direct) via ClubLog ONLY. Do not send your QSL via the Bureau! His log will be uploaded to LoTW later.

60, SOMALIA (Reminder/Update). Ken, LA7GIA, is now in Somalia and will be active as 6070 until September 28th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters mainly on CW. Activity on other modes (SSB, FT8) will be limited and on 1-2 bands only. Most of his activity so far (as this was being written) has been on 20 meters CW. For more details and updates, visit his Web page and the following media pages: <https://www.la7gia.com/where-next> <https://twitter.com/LA7GIA> , <https://www.facebook.com/L-A-7-G-I-A-DXpeditions-707222219710335> , QSL via M00X0. Logs will be uploaded to ClubLog. Also, make sure you read Ken's "QSO & QSL Policy" on his Web page.

7Q, MALAWI (Update). Operators Bill/KC4D (7Q7WW), Don/K6ZO (7Q6M) and Junior/7Q7JN are currently active from Embangweni Mission Hospital at the Loudon Station in Malawi as time and power allows. Bill states that he will operate as 7Q7WW during his free time with his friends 7Q6M (Don/ K6ZO) and 7Q7JN (Junior). At the main station, they are on CW and SSB at various times, usually on 20, 40 and 80 meters. At their residence, they have a modest station and wire antennas for FT-8. For 7Q7WW QSLs, please send cards direct to the KC4D address. If you're in the U.S., include a SASE; outside of the U.S., please also include 1 USD to help with postage. Bill states, "Unfortunately, I'm not currently set up for e-QSLs, but expect to get these on LoTW eventually." QSL 7Q6M via K6ZO and 7Q7JN via address on QRZ.com.

8Q, MALDIVES. Kasimir, DL2SBY, will once again be active as 8Q7KB, but this time from Meedhupparu Island (AS-013) between May 4-12th, 2020. Activity will be on 80-6 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via DL2SBY, direct or the OQRS (Bureau/direct) via ClubLog ONLY. Do not send your QSL via the Bureau! His log will be uploaded to LoTW later.

8R, GUYANA. Rudi, DK7PE, will be active as 8R1CW from Guyana between September 21-28th. Activity will be limited to his spare time on various HF bands, using an Elecraft KX3 with new Juma 1000 amp into wire antennas. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau. For more details and updates, see: <https://www.roody.de>

AFRICAN TOUR (Reminder). By the time you read this, Pista, HA5AO, will once again be active as 3DA0AO from the Kingdom of eSwatini (Swaziland) until September 30th. He will

be active from the Mountain Inn Resort at Mbabane. His plan is to start to set up antenna and station on the 16th, and he can be expected on the air by the evening. The station set up contains an Elecraft K3S with a KPA500 and fed into a vertical antenna. Pista will operate on the 80-10m bands using mainly CW and FT8 on the higher bands. Pista plans to be active on September 21st and 22nd in the All Africa DX Contest as a Single-Op/Single-Transmitter/CW-Mode/All Band/High-Power entry.

After the eSwatini operation Pista, HA5AO, will arrive in Lesotho on the 1st of October and plans to stay until October 19th. He will again use the 7P8AO callsign. Flight and room at Molengoane Lodge is also booked. Due to other commitments the operation from Lesotho will take place during his free time mainly on CW and FT8 on the higher bands. QSL policy, Logsearch and OQRS is available at: <https://www.ha5ao.com>

DAY-ZENIA 2020 HAMVENTION NEWS:

* Dayton Hamvention Signs 5-Year Contract with Greene County Expo Center-The Dayton Amateur Radio Association (DARA) has signed a 5-year agreement to keep Dayton hamvention® at the Greene County Expo Center. The agreement was announced on September 9th by Hamvention General Chairman Jack Gerbs, WB8SCT. Read the complete details on the ARRL Web page at: <http://www.arrl.org/news/view/dayton-hamvention-signs-5-year-contract-with-greene-county-expo-center>

IOTA NEWS.....

AS-015. Rich, PA0RRS, will once again be active as 9M2MRS from Penang Island, West Malaysia, between December 2nd (2019) and February 28th (2020). Activity will probably be on 40-10 meters using CW, RTTY, PSK, FT8, FT4 and possibly SSB (he will have a microphone in the luggage, but normally no SSB [possible on request]). Rich will have a Yaesu FT450D with 100 watt into a G5RV dipole with bents on the balcony of the house and a MFJ automatic intellituner for all bands. QSL via his home callsign, ClubLog's OQRS, LoTW or eQSL.

AS-025. Andrey, R1FW, is now active as R1FW/0 from Kunashir Island until September 18th (possibly until the 25th). Activity will be on 40/30/20 meters using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via his home callsign, direct, by the Bureau or bird/bottle mail.

AS-122. Operators Tae-su/DS3EXX and Lee/DS3FGN will be active as homecall/2 from Daechong-do Island between October 3-9th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and FT8. Suggested frequencies are:
CW - 1821/1825, 3522, 7022, 10115, 14022, 18080, 21022, 24901 and 28022 kHz
SSB - 3790, 7090, 14192, 18122, 21250, 24940 and 28450 kHz
FT8 - 1810, 3540, 7070, 10122, 14080, 18095, 21090, 24910 and 28090 kHz

Frequencies can change due to QRM or local noise. Split operations will always be used. They will listen on CW starting 1 up and SSB up 5. FT8 will be on the F/H mode. QSL via LoTW or direct to their home callsign.

AS-200. (Reminder) Operators Take/JI3DST and Masa/JR8YLY will be active as JI3DST/5 and JR8YLY/5 from Shodo Island between September 20-25th. Activity will be on 80-6 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. QSL via their home callsigns.

EU-138. Operators Gaby/DF9TM and Frank/DL2SWW will once again be active as SD7M and SD7W, respectively, from Sturko Island between now and September 19th. QSL via their home callsigns by the Bureau.

NA-057. Operators Dennis/W1UE, Radoslav/N2WQ, Ivailo/LZ5VV, Wieslaw/SP4Z and Ian/VE3JI will be active as HQ9X from Chillax Roatan Island during the CQWW DX RTTY Contest (September 28-29th) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via KQ1F. Outside of the contest (between September 20th and October 7th), they will be active for any bands/modes that they can operate on, including 60m operations (limited to 50 watts USB). Sked requests can be sent to W1UE.

NA-220. Bo, OZ1DJJ, will be active as OX3LX from Simiutaq Island between September 26-30th. Activity will be on various HF bands (Focus on 160/80/60m), but limited to his spare time when not working (He states, "Best chance is in the morning around lunch and after dinner [local time utc+2], on the weekend also during night/morning"). QSL via OZ0J direct (see QRZ.com). Logs get uploaded to LoTW, ClubLog and sometimes eQSL. For more details and updates, see: <http://geronne.dk/index.php/ox3lx/ox3lx-dxp>

OC-059. Haru, JA1XGI, will once again be active as V6K from Kosrae Island between December 2-9th. Activity will be on 160/80/40/30/20 meters using mainly CW with some RTTY and FT8. Focus will be on EU/NA/SA/Middle East of Asia. He will also be in the ARRL 160m CW Contest (December 6-8th). Suggested frequencies are: CW - 1815/1822.5, 3525, 7025, 10115 and 14040 kHz

RTTY - 7035, 10140 and 14080 kHz

FT8(N) - 1840*, 3573, 7074, 10136 and 14074 kHz

FT8(F/H) - 7051, 10131 and 14085 kHz * QSOX 1908 (JA)

** Frequency on the above will change by band condition.

His equipment will be an Icom IC7300 with a DXV600L(Tiny PA) into two vertical antennas. QSL via his home callsign, direct, by the Bureau, ClubLog's OQRS or LoTW (available after 3 month). For more details and updates, watch: <http://v6k.client.jp>

VP6R PITCAIRN ISLAND DXPEDITION NEWS. On September 8th, the following was posted by Ralph, K0IR, on the Pitcairn Island DXpedition 2019 FaceBook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/580069859103416>) with pictures [edited]: "The Braveheart arrived on Pitcairn Island on schedule on Sept. 6th. After waiting out a torrential rain, all our DXpedition gear was unloaded and taken ashore by the Pitcairn Island longboats. Generators, fuel, antennas and masts, Flex radios, ACOM amps, the DX Engineering 160 vertical, Yagis, ----- everything. It's all there, stored safe and dry in the engineering building. When the roads dry out, all our gear will be moved to our operating sites and be ready for us when we arrive in October.

This process will save us 150 to 200 man hours of installation time and get us on the air much faster.

Thank you Braveheart and Pitcairn Island crews!!"

Also, check out the Pitcairn Island DXpedition Web page at: <https://pitcairndx.com/news-and-updates>

THANKS TO THE OPDX BULLETIN FOR THE ABOVE DX INFO!!!

STRANGE, BUT TRUE!

BY NØLID, Skeeter

HAM RADIO EVENTS THAT SOUND LIKE FICTION, BUT ARE TRUE! STRANGE??

Incident 1:

It happened back in 1981 on a cool Fall evening. A KCDXC member, AEØK had been testing his new shunt fed vertical. This well-known DXer was loading up his new 160M antenna using his homebrew 4-1000 amp. It loaded well and the SWR was under 1.5:1 on 1.825 MHZ. He was chatting on 2 Meters (146.49) with another local DXer who had begun working some really good DX on Topband. The KCDXC member said "Hola! Hola!" numerous times and whistled into his D-104. His local DXer friend told AEØK he sounded good on the air and encouraged him to start listening for something to work.

A few moments later, the KCDXCer's XYL came down to the ham shack and asked her husband, "What are you doing on the radio?"

AEØK said, "Oh, just testing my new 160M antenna. Why?"

His XYL said, "Well, I was warming up some water for a cup of tea, and when I opened the microwave I could clearly hear "Hola! Hola!" coming from the inside of the microwave??"

"You are joking right?" asked the KCDXCer.

"Nope, no joking. Hola, Hola, Test, Test!" clearly was heard coming out of the microwave.

Their puzzled looks were interrupted by the doorbell as more Trick or Treaters waited on the front porch.

Was it just stray RFI or was it something supernatural???

This event occurred on Halloween night in 1981!

Incident: 2

It was the 160 Meter Test Weekend in 1999, and WDØSRI carefully waited until dark and then blew up a weather balloon with helium on the back deck. He attached a full size quarter vertical wire for the topband. Carefully he unreeled a large reel of nylon string attached to the balloon and the wire. The weather balloon zoomed into the air easily. Attaching the end of the stretched wire to a simple antenna tuner, the wire was a very good match with a flat swr at 1825. WDØSRI began running stations in the test at a very high rate. He worked Indiana 27 times in the first hour of the test. The big Alpha 9500 loved the good match and it purred along without breaking a sweat for nearly three hours.

WDØSRI's XYL came down to the shack and interrupted a run of W9's and said there are a group of people standing in the front yard with flashlights pointing at the sky. Elmer went to the door and found a few neighbors he knew and others who he didn't recognize standing in his driveway. DeWayne Dingle from across the street said "You got a UFO hovering above your house, partner!"

WDØSRI looked skyward and saw the Weather balloon he had attached to his 160M vertical floating in the wind at least 125' up. "Well, that is weird," was all he could think to say.

Jim Tom, from next door, said, "That thing is messing up our TV's too! I can't watch Country Family Reunion on RFD channel. "

Another man walked up at this point, and was recognized as the new neighbor who had just moved in three doors down the street. He was dressed in camo clothes from head to toe. His ball cap said "Squatch Watch" in red. He jumped right into the conversation telling everyone, "It's a well-known fact that there is a direct link between UFOs and Bigfoot sightings! You had any signs of activity in your backyard? You know, like red eyes looking in your windows?"

The number of people had grown to about 15 or so and memories of the scenes of the angry mob with torches roaming the streets like in an old monster movie quickly flashed

thru WD0SRI's mind. He quickly told the crowd he was going inside to get a gun and a large flashlight.

WD0SRI quickly ran inside and went directly to the back deck where his 160M quarter wave vertical was waving in the wind. WD0SRI decided the best thing he could do was cut the balloon loose and claim ignorance to the mob on the front lawn. He released the wire and the balloon took off quickly for the ionosphere.

Elmer returned to the front yard with his unloaded shotgun as the crowd was pointing skyward. Jim Tom yelled, "There she goes! We must have scared them off!"

A few of the men jumped in their pick-ups and took off in an eastern direction as they shined their tactical flashlights up thru the windshields. One neighbor reported they lost sight of the UFO as it crossed the Missouri River headed for Parkville.

The contest operation was over that night for WD0SRI. The next morning he saw a report on CNN that a substation in Keokuk, IA, had a total power grid failure in their town that appeared to have been caused by a weather balloon. The only evidence in Keokuk was a tattered balloon with a long piece of copper wire attached.

Strange, but True? The truth is out there!

-N0LID

Contact the Editor of the KC DX News at ab0x@kc.rr.com if you have news or comments for the newsletter!

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